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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As soon as the price reaches that level, Sir."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" A report appearing in yesterday's ' Mail ' says that the rice trading is dull in Tanjore district, because the demand for Tanjore rice from deficit districts this year has considerably declined and in view of the fact that Tanjore rice is better in quality than the rice exported from Andhra, will the Government consider the desirability of procurng more rice from Tanjore district? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We do not intend to procure more than 75,000 tons from Tanjore district. The rest of the rice will be available for sale there in the open market."

Representation from the Tamilian students of the Anantapur Engineering College for transfer to any of the Engineering Colleges in the Madras State.

* 725 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Tamilian students of the Anantapur Engineering College sent a memorandum to the Government asking for their mass transfer to any of the Engineering Colleges in the Madras State; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) After a detailed examination of the representations, the Government decided that it will not be practicable to effect a mass transfer of the students to the Engineering Colleges in the Madras State and that individual requests for transfer may be considered on merits as and when such requests are made."

Functions of Centre Khadi Officers.

* 726 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) since how long the Centre Khadi Officers have been functioning in the State?

(*b*) what their functions are?

(*c*) the annual expenditure on the establishment for the Khadi Scheme; and

(*d*) the amount of aid and loans disbursed in the year 1952 for the Khadi Scheme.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Since December 1946.